Appln. No. 09/980,282 Amdt. dated June 17, 2004 Reply to Office Action of March 17, 2004

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In re Application of:

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Washington, D.C.

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Apparatus Process For
Pumping And Degassing ...

AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents U.S. Patent and Trademark Office 2011 South Clark Place Customer Window, Mail Stop Amendment Crystal Plaza Two, Lobby, Room 1B03 Arlington, VA 22202

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of March 17, 2004, please amend as follows:

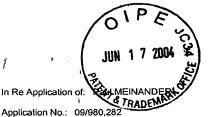
Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 9 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 10 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 12 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 19 of this paper.



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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Mamendment [] in the above-identified application. [] Small Entity Status: Applicant(s) claim small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. §1.27.

[XX] No additional fee is required. [] The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM							

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	×	43	1	\$					
	+	145		\$					
ADDITIONAL FEE TOTAL			\$						

OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY								
RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE							
x 18	\$							
x 86	\$							
+ 290	\$							
TOTAL	\$							

- If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3.
- If the "Highest Number Previously Paid for" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, write "20" in this space.
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The "Highest Number Previously Paid For" (total or independent) is the highest number found from the equivalent box in Col. 1 of a prior amendment of the number of claims originally filed.

Conditional Petition for Extension of Time

If any extension of time for a response is required, applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor.

[] It is hereby petitioned for an extension of time in accordance with 37 CFR 1.136(a). The appropriate fee required by 37 CFR 1.17 is calculated as shown below:

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n connection with this application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-4035. This authorization and request is not limited to payment of all fees associated with this communication, including any Extension of Time fee, not covered by check or specific authorization, but is also intended to include all fees for the presentation of extra claims under 37 CFR §1.16 and all patent processing fees under 37 CFR §1.17 throughout the prosecution of the case. This blanket authorization does not include patent issue fees under 37 CFR §1.18.

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